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Choice Poetry.

FROM THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

THE LITTLE BOY THAT DIED.

BY T. D. ROBINSON.

I am all alone in my chamber now,
And the midnight hour is near;
And the figure's cloak and the sheeted bed tick
Are the only sounds I hear
And every one of it is mimicks,
Sweet mockings of sadness dear.
For one little boy and my own git! when I think
Of the little boy that died.

I went one night to my father's home—
What home to me that time!
And softly I opened the garden gate,
And softly the door of the hall.
My mother came out to meet me
She read me, and there she sighed,
And her head fell on my neck, and she wept
For the little boy that died.

I shall mist him when the flowers come
In harder days when he played,
I shall miss him more by the fireside,
When the flowers have all decayed.
I miss my boy here, and my empty chair,
And the hearth he used to ride;
And they will speak, with a silent power,
Of the little boy that died.

I shall see his little sister again
With her playmates about the door;
And I'll watch the children in their sports,
As I never did before;
And it is the gayest, I see a child
That's dimpled and laughing-eyed,
I'll look to see if it may not be
The little boy that died.

We shall all go home to our Father's home—
To the Father's home in the skies—
Where the hope of our souls shall have no blight,
Our love no blighter;
We shall come on the banks of the River of
Peace,
And bathe us in its blissful tide;
And one of the joys of our Heaven shall be—
The little boy that died.

Original Novelet.

THE IRON HAND.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST,
BY T. S. ARTHUR.

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CHAPTER I.

Andrew Howland was one of those right mindedly who are known in others as wonderful. From the right way, his children were forced into the straight jacket of extreme propriety, and their natural inclinations, if they deviated from the right line in which they were required to walk, punishment was sure to follow.

A child loves his parent naturally. The latter may be harsh and unreasonable; still the child will look to him with fond affection, and will love him singles, like golden threads in a dark fabric, amid the fear and confusion with which he regards him. That it was with the children of Andrew Howland. Their mother was a gentle, retiring woman, with a heart full of the love of feelings. When the troubles fell upon her gold-hearted husband, she sought to make home a home where the raging laugh, the merry shout, and the wild exuberance of feeling ever bursting from the heart of childhood, were not to be rebuked; or, if repressed, with a hand that trembled and a look of disapproval. Her love grew up to womanhood amid all that was gentle, kind and loving. Transplanted, then, its tender roots from a sunny home to the cold, hard and formal home of her husband, she drooped in the uncongenial soil, drew into itself the heart-drinker, and withered and died. Andrew And yet, while drooping then, she tenderly loved her husband, and unconsciously brought to bear in herself many true impulses of Nature to which he gave the false name of Waltzmore. It was her gentle and loving nature that bowed them to have them crushed in the iron hand with which he was ever ready to grasp them.

Let it not be supposed that Andrew Howland was an evil-minded man. In the beginning we have intimated that this was not so. He purposed wrong to no one. Honest he was in all his dealings with the world; honest even to the decision of a penny. They who dealt with his character was coldness and intolerance. Towards wrong-doing and wrong-doers, he had no forbearance whatever; and he knew that straight from the right path, whether child or true, he needed rest, if he be person, the full measure of consequences. Unfortunately for those who came within the circle of his authority, his ideas of right and wrong were formed in the warped and narrow views, the result of a defective religious education. He, therefore, often called things wrong, from prejudice, that were not wrong in themselves; and sternly reacted upon others, and drove them away from him, when he should have led and guided them into the paths of virtue.

The case of Andrew Howland's children, while his was one of deep trial to the loving young creatures he had taken from her sunny home to a shelter in his house, was not one that would have inspire vigorous life new shoots of affection. And yet, he loved his wife; loved her wisely, as he thought, not weakly; not blindly. He saw her faults, and, true to his character, laid his hand heavily upon them. Alas! how much of good crushed in the right presence!

To Mr. Howland, life was indeed a stern reality. Duties and responsibilities were ever in his thoughts. Pleasure was but another name for sin; and a weakness of character on evil not to be tolerated.

Enough, for our present purpose, that he was a man of strong will, and that his will was beyond to be brief outline. As our story advances, it will appear in numerous examples of its exercise, and the diverse from from the day of his marriage we will introduce him to the reader.

"What shall I do with this boy?" said Mr. Howland, in his quick manner, yet in a perplexed voice, while he walked the floor at the room with a gentleman of his age. "I cannot say that punishing is not done to break him into obedience, he will be ruined."

"He needs all our forbearance," Mrs. Howland ventured to remark, "as well as our care and unfaltering."

"Forbearance! I have no forbearance towards anything. Father! I've have forborne until the child is beyond hope!"

"Not entirely," was meekly answered, as the husband's eyes dropped to the floor.

At this moment a servant, who had been sent for the child, came in with him. A few decisive words from his father, and the mother sent him little Andrew was very much frightened at the room where his wife was sitting. "I never saw or punished and suffered a child to cry like him. If he is not subdued now, not forced to obey, his ultimate destruction is inevitable."

"His fault was not a very great one," Mrs. Howland ventured to suggest.

"Do you call disobedience a little fault?" asked Mr. Howland, his brow contracting as he spoke.

"I did not mean that," quickly answered Mrs. Howland. "I mean his going in to see Emily Grafton. The children are very fond of each other."

"Do I have told him not to go in Room, haven't I?"

"Yes."

"Very well. That settles the matter. If he goes, he disobeys; and, if he disobeys me, he must be punished."

"But, Andrew—"

"It is useless to argue about this, with me, Esther. You know that in your presence he would indulge and rule the boy. But I know my duty better."

Mrs. Howland sighed deeply and remained silent. Some ten minutes afterwards, seeing her, and had never heard a word of evil spoken of her husband, she ventured to say, in a timid voice, that reputation for him, was the child's offence, and that punishment for him, was the child's offence in a wrong estimate of his character. The result of his own wrong conduct. Mr. Howland replied by the head of his father. Seeing that she was about to separate the little friends, and the word was half repeated of as soon as spoken, the mother gave way to her love to which he regarded the most implicit obedience. He thought not of the wrong in the punishment he might do his child; he thought only of suffering obedience—of breaking a stubborn will. Obedience is the first duty. It is the foundation thing—and he visited, with the severest displeasure, every particular difficulty. The consequences were, that his little ones, in their best at home, rarely saw in the face of their father a smile of affection. They trembled in his sight, in words of tenderness. Something in their confidence was ever displeasing to him, and he attempted his correction by the severest punishments.

"Where is Andrew?" asked Mr. Howland, on returning home one evening from his store, and not seeing the bright little face of his boy at home with his mother. This was on the occasion of his introduction to the reader.

"He is in the sitting room, I believe," replied Mrs. Howland.

"I saw him a little while ago playing on the steps with Emily Wintern," said the nurse, who had come recently into the family, and was not aware of the prohibition that existed in regard to the child she had mentioned.

"Why is Andrew not in the house?" demanded Mr. Howland, angrily. Then he added, in an excited voice, "go and bring him home instantly!"

The nurse left the room and soon returned with the child. In his face was a look of blended fear, anger and obstinacy.

"Why don't you answer your father, my boy?" said Mrs. Howland, in a voice that was tender and appealing. The tone touched the boy's heart, and he lifted his large dark eyes timidly to her face, and then to his father's, with a trembling countenance.

"Why don't you answer your father, my boy?" repeated Mr. Howland.

"To see Emily," returned Andrew.

"Haven't I forbidden you to go there?"

The child's eyes sunk again to the floor.

"Haven't I forbidden you to go there?" repeated Mr. Howland.

"Yes, sir."

But there was no answer.

"Do you hear me?"

"Yes, sir."

"Andrew! Andrew! why don't you answer your father?" came in distressed and tremulous tones from the mother.

Mr. Howland was about turning to chide sharply with her for that interference, when Andrew again raised his eyes and said—

"Yes, sir."

"Then why have you disobeyed me?"

The boy's eyes fell again, and he remained silent.

"I'll break you of this if I break your heart!" said Mr. Howland severely, and, as he spoke, he struck the child a blow with the back of his hand strong arm as he led him from the room. A groan issued from his mother's heart, and she covered her face and wept.

By the time Mr. Howland reached the chamber where he had ordered the child with Andrew the excitement of his anger had subsided; but, not to short purpose in regard to his child, that he was determined to punish. The obstinate severity of obedience in children he recognized in all his intercourse with them. It was the spirit in them in the future unless obedience were constrained at every cost. Happy both for them and himself when it knew that if he had been slow in his modes of securing obedience, and sometimes almost considering him 17+ children things almost impossible for them to perform. Without a low there is no sin. Careful, then, should every parent be to create a law for the very existence of which incurs its violation.

Mr. Howland said nought, by reason he was of punishment, other than chastisement, to enforce obedience in this particular case. Now he was resolved in the severest remedy. Andrew had exposed nothing further than to be shut up, alone, in the room, and to go, perhaps, supperless to bed, and he was resolved if he had been alone

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Now subscribers may help us to both, and thereby please with the best of the humorous and interesting Illustrated Story of Lawrence as we have found that they did not know that such a story was obtainable. We shall continue this notice in about ten numbers. The cost of publication in these Lawrence, will be the author about

$300,00.

To say nothing of his travelling expenses, time, &c., &c.

After we have concluded Mr. Arthur's contest, we shall begin our best Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz, author of "The Mob Cap," "Linda," &c., &c., entitled,

THE BELLE OF THE SPRINGS.

And after the completion of Mrs. Lee Hentz's story, we shall be able to lay before our readers another of Mrs. Ruttenruber's extensive romances—of which more anon.

CITY NUISANCES.

We recommend the following communication relative to some nuisance of our town's not existing, except in reference to the Gas Works and Canal Tanks:

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Having been long impressed with the unendurable nuisance of the gas works, and the stench arising from the canal, I am sure every reader must entertain a slight degree of "fellow feeling" for me. Why, Sirs, I am a "Child of Nature," in the sense that we Yankees call it, and I love the perfume which the Creator has diffused throughout his works. I love new mown hay, the fragrance of the rose, the violet and mignonette, and even the delicate perfume of "Jockey Club," which I never use except they are "in season." Now, Sirs, I am a "Child of Nature" in the sense that I love the smell of Coal Tar, Sulphuretted Hydrogen Gas, but on the contrary, probably by a reversal of Providence, I am constituted in opposition. Nor has the Creator seen fit to endow me with the "organ of destructiveness," the founders of the Gas Works in question, and probably by a reversal of Providence, I am constituted pacific. This constitution has disappointed the ambition of many friends, who, seeing in me the founder of the Gas Works in question, and the destroyer of the Canal Tanks, have been anxious to nominate me for their successor in the Presidential chair. Nor has the Creator seen fit to endow me with the "organ of combativeness," which would have enabled me to "fight it out" with

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The Rose Hunt, by T. S. Arthur.

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Reports of Lectures, the Cream of the Foreign Publications, Engravings, Correspondence, Magazine, General News, Wit and Humor, &c., &c., shall be given as of old.

General News.

GREAT FIRE
IN SAN FRANCISCO.

In a large portion of our edition last week we forwarded to our readers the last telegraphic intelligence from the scene of the fire in San Francisco. The main being fuller intelligence, as follows:

The damage is variously estimated, at from five to fifteen millions. The fire commenced about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, on the west side of Portsmouth Square, spreading the Broad Street, and all that district of the city between the Plaza and Clay Street towards Kearney, with fright rapidity. By 11 o'clock it had reached the Fire Department would only work upon the side next the fire, and the flames were driven from the Plaza, and the Custom House, and the Post Office, and the Public Buildings, and the Post Office, and the Public Buildings, and the Post Office, and the Public Buildings

Selected Poetry.

THE TREASURED BANGLES.

I'm thinking long years have fled over,
Since I was a child at play,
Since I, with my little playmates,
Chased the butterflies all day.

We fished in the brook together,
We gathered flowers in the wood,
But nothing ever pleased us
Like the bangles we understood.

The tinkling brook of water,
Once dancing in the sun,
And those pretty shells we gathered
Are treasured by me one.

Those bits of pebbles shining over,
Or from the river bed,
Were the silver and gold we gathered
To the singing bird and wind,
But nature soon deserted us
When winter set her in!
For then your noble heart you proved
Was kind to all mankind.

And every year you proved your heartlet
The surest by my side,

How like a glorious rainbow then
The future all appeared!
No care or sorrow there to taste,
No disappointment feared,
The world's rude ways had not begun
To cast their shadows o'er us,
We never knew true happiness—
Had rather it sigh or weep.

But many weary years have passed,
Since that bright April eve,
And you have learned since then to weep,
And I have learned to grieve;
And on the knee, scattered about,
Time and his dark Cure,
Have cut their wrinkled out, and scarred
Their silver in the hair.

Nor Time, nor Care, nor world's rude waves,
Have had the power to chill
The holy love which then we vowed,
That is unclouded still;
And until Death, the reaper comes,
It never shall fail me
Our tale of love which first began
Upon that April day.

Selected Articles.

THE BRIDE SHIPPED TO ORDER.

BY LAURIE TODD.

I lived in Virginia during the winter of 1845. At an evening party in Richmond, and a most brilliant one it was, I was introduced to a handsome gentleman, whose name I have forgotten, but whose appearance I shall never forget. He was a tall, fine looking man, with a military air, and a most courteous manner. He was dressed in the extreme of fashion, and wore a profusion of jewelry, which, in those days, was considered the height of gentility. He was introduced to me as Colonel Brown, and I was informed that he was a wealthy planter, and resided in Mississippi. He was very attentive to me, and I was pleased with his attentions, for he was a man of the world, and had seen much of society, and was very entertaining. He was a widower, and had been for many years. He was very fond of his children, and spoke of them frequently during the evening. He had a son and daughter at school in Richmond, and was going to visit them on the following day. He asked me if I would not like to accompany him, and I accepted the invitation. I was very much interested in the children, for I had heard much of their beauty and accomplishments, and I was not disappointed. They were both very handsome, and the little girl was a perfect beauty. She was about twelve years old, and was the most lovely child I ever saw. She was very much attached to her father, and he seemed to idolize her. He came here on the day following, and remained for a week. During that time I saw him frequently, and we became very intimate. He told me that he was a widower, and that he had been married very young, and that his wife died when his children were very young. He said that he had been very much attached to her, and that he had never seen a woman since her death that he could love. He said that he had been very much lonely since her death, and that he had often thought of marrying again, but that he could not find a woman that he could love. He said that he had been very much attracted to me from the first time he saw me, and that he had been very much pleased with my conversation and manners. He said that he had been very much lonely since his wife's death, and that he had often thought of marrying again, but that he could not find a woman that he could love. He said that he had been very much attracted to me from the first time he saw me, and that he had been very much pleased with my conversation and manners.

Miscellaneous.

TIME WILL SHOW.

BY J. R. DARNETTE.

Time will show
Who is true and who is false;
Time will show
Who is friend and who is foe;
If we've pure hearts,
Time will show us that;
If we've false ones,
Time will show us that.

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AGRICULTURAL ITEMS.

Orchard Thieves.—A correspondent tells us that he is sure to be the garden of a Mr. Green, there is within a block or two of the Government House, and that he has a fine variety of fruit trees, and the other half only in bud. Every year, he says, such also takes place. This is the truth. He says that the year will yield an abundant crop of corn fruit. The idea that the Orchard Thieves are not well disposed, and yield a good crop of corn, we cannot credit, as we have seen the tree full of fruit. Remember it is a great pleasure.

Cattle Disease.—Cattle in Kansas is reported by lying a small piece of tobacco as they can be induced to eat it. Cattle are also subject to disease, but somebody who has had experience with them says that they will not have any trouble if they will only feed them with tobacco. Cattle are also subject to disease, but somebody who has had experience with them says that they will not have any trouble if they will only feed them with tobacco.

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